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ABSTRACT

Suggesting that Open Space Technology (OST) is an effective, fast, and easily repeatable strategy for organizing meetings of between 5 and 1,000 participants, this book offers numerous examples to illustrate the evolution of OST and explores what it is, and how it developed as a process for meeting management. The book also discusses how and why it works all over the world, and shows how OST can move organizations to higher levels of performance without elaborate training or professional facilitators. Chapters in the book are: (1) "East Meets West"; (2) "Open Space Discovered"; (3) "Open Space on the Loose: The Now Grows"; (4) "What on Earth Is Going On?"; (5) "Chaos and Order"; (6) "Giving the Power Away: The Hero/Heroine's Journey"; (7) "What Next?"; and (8) "Expanding Our Now: A Journey to Wholeness." A list of 7 Open Space print and video resources, and information on joining Open Space Institutes are attached. (RS)

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